(b) The Defence Secretaries of India and Pakistan held talks in New Delhi on 5-6 August, 2004 on the Siachen Glacier, within the framework of the Composite Dialogue. During the meeting, modalities for disengagement and redeployment of troops were discussed. The two sides agreed to continue discussions.

The External Affairs Ministers of India and Pakistan met in New Delhi on September 5-6, 2004 to review the status of the Composite Dialogue. During the meeting, both sides agreed that, on Siachen Glacier, the outcome of the meeting of the Defence Secretaries in August, 2004 would be implemented.

(c) The security situation is dynamic and is reviewed periodically. No compromise will be made on security related matters and plans are in place to cater for all possible operational contingencies.

Effect of withdrawal of Indian troops on Pakistan Army

†2062. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in response to Indian action of withdrawal of army from Jammu and Kashmir has any effect on Pakistani army;

(b) whether Indian army has received any proposal from Government of Pakistan to visit Pakistan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government of India to invite a group of Pakistani soldiers to visit India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) There are no inputs to indicate any effect on Pakistan Army in response to the withdrawal of Army from Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) India has put forth proposals to develop links and exchange of visits between the Armed forces but there has been no response from Pakistan's side, so far.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.